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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension to reply to the Final Action

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2006 being a Saturday). Enclosed is a check in the amount \$1020.00 for the extension-of-time fee. Applicants respectfully submit a request for continued examination (RCE) and this preliminary amendment. Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.